जिन्होंने क्रियान्वयन में महत्वपूर्ण प्रगति की है, को पूरा करने को उच्चतम प्राथमिकता दी जाती है । योजना आयोग ने राज्यों में विभिन्न सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए निर्धारित परिव्यय का कड़ाई से पालन करने का निर्णय लिया है ।

Proposal of Yamuna water package with Rajasthan Government

662. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have sent a proposal of Yamuna package for the approval of the Rajasthan Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A draft Memorandum of Understanding allocating utilisable surface flows of Yamuna has been sent to Rajasthan Government for acceptance. The contents of the MOU are under discussion.

Diversion of Achan Koilar and Pamba River waters

663. SHRI S, K. T. RAMACHAND RAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the feasibility of diversion of Achankoi-lar in Karala into the vaigai basin has been established and the project report has also been formulated;

(b) if so, what steps are taken by the Central Government to persuade and convince the State Government of Kerala to agree to this project proposal;

(c) whether the Central Government would initiate steps to facilities discussions between Tamil Nadu and Kerala Government in the matter: and

(d) what are the other rivers flown into West in Kerala about which studies or investigations are made by the Central Government as to the feasibility of diversion into Tamil Nadu and what are the findigs in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVE LOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WA TER RESOURCES (SHRI p K. THUNGON). (a) The National Wa ter Development Agency has prepared a preliminary report suggesting the feasibility of the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaigai link for transferring about 664 million cubic meties of water. The project estimated to cost about Rs. 668 crores envisages one lakh hectare irri gation benefit in Tamil Nadu and 10 9 mega watt power benefit to Kerala.

(b) and (c) Chief Ministers|Irriga-tion Ministers are Members of National Water Development Agency. Also concerned State Government officials are represented on the Governing Body and Technical Advisory Committee of the Agency. These Bodies meet at regular intervals to sort out various issues concerning studies undertaken by the Agency.

(d) No, other proposal *is* under consideration.

Linking of Peninsular Rivers

664. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the steps have been taken by Government with regard to the Peninsular rivers Projects, that implies the project of linking Mahanadi, Godhavari, Krishna and Cauvery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON); The National Water